

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard.

The more community based radio stations there are that reflect the local community, the stronger the electorate, and the less the stranglehold corporations have over the hearts and minds of America. The bill of rights were the first ten amendments to the constitution of the United States. Local Media controlled my national companies with commercial and profit and political agendas effectively nullify Freedom of Speech and equal access to the public airwaves.

Kindly do your duty and serve all of America, not just the biggest campaign contributors. I'm a taxpayer and have been for over 40 years. I also vote and would like appointed officials (such as the FCC to represent my best interests and the country's best interest, and not those of corporate America.

Thank you for letting me express myself and be a responsible citizen
Thank you.